REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application. Applicants elects claims 1-8 of Group II for prosecution. Applicants request withdrawal of claims 9-15 from consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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